

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW  
CHANGES MADE**

Page 1, before paragraph 1, add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0015], add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Before paragraph [0064], add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 25, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.

Page 30, amend the abstract as follows:

-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING~~

A method for determining a target nucleic acid sequence, ~~wherein the target nucleic acid sequence is comprised~~ in a preparation ~~comprising~~ which includes a non-target nucleic acid sequence, the target nucleic acid sequence and the non-target nucleic acid sequence each having a first region of common sequence upstream of a first region of dissimilar sequence upstream of a second region of dissimilar sequence, ~~the method comprising:~~ includes the steps of (a) contacting the preparation with an oligonucleotide primer complementary to at least a portion of the first region of common sequence, under conditions to hybridise the primer thereto; and (b) ~~subjecting the preparation to a sequencing reaction, such that the sequencing reaction proceeds into the second region of dissimilar sequence of the target nucleic acid sequence, thereby determining at~~

least the second region of dissimilar sequence of the target nucleic acid sequence; and wherein the method includes further ~~comprises~~ a step of blocking the sequencing reaction between the primer and the non-target nucleic acid sequence, such that the sequencing reaction does not proceed into the second region of dissimilar sequence of the non-target nucleic acid sequence.--